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1. INTERAVIA AIR LETTER (GENEVA) DATED APRIL 10 QUOTES AIR-INDIA'S
MANAGING DIRECTOR, K. G. APPUSAMY (HE HAS HAPPILY WITHDRAWN LETTER
OF RESIGNATION WHICH WAS DUE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MARCH 31ST), AS
STATING AIRLINE BOARD HAS APPROVED PURCHASE OF TWO ADDITIONAL
BOEING 747-237B'S FOR DELIVERY DECEMBER, 1979 AND MARCH, 1980
SUBJECT GOI APPROVAL ANTICIPATED JULY 1978. VALUE OF SALE
ESTIMATED BY RCAA AT \$120 MILLION INCLUDING SPARES, WHICH IS IN
ADDITION TO BOEING 747-237B RECENTLY ORDERED FOR DELIVERY OCTOBER
1979 (REFTEL) TO REPLACE AIRCRAFT LOST BOMBAY JANUARY 1978.
DELIVERIES OF THE THREE NEW BOEING 747-237B'S WILL BUILD AIR-
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INDIA'S WIDEBODIED FLEET TO NINE AIRCRAFT. APPUSAMY WAS FURTHER
QUOTED AS INDICATING THAT AIRLINE WILL PHASE OUT TWO OF ITS FOUR
OBSOLESCE BOEING 707-427'S IN 1980 WITH THE REMAINING TWO 707-
437'S, THREE BOEING 707-337B'S, AND TWO 707-337C'S
TO BE PHASED OUT COMMENCING 1981. TO REPLACE THESE NARROWBODIED
BOEINGS, AIR-INDICA IS EVALUATING MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DC-10-30,
LOCKHEED-CALIFORNIA L-101-500 AND BOEING 747SP-37, WITH A DECISION

TO BE RENDERED IN 1979. APPUSAMY ESTIMATES AIR-INDIA'S PROFIT-
ABILITY FOR FISCAL YEAR MARCH 1978 AT A RECORD \$30 MILLION,
REPRESENTING 42 PERCENT INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.

2. INTERAVIA AIR LETTER (GENEVA) DATED APRIL 5 STATES INDIAN
AIRLINES (IA) HAS SIGNED CONTRACT FOR TWO AIRBUS INDUSTRIE
A-300B2'S FOR DELIVERY MAY AND JUNE 1978, BUILDING AIRBUS FLEET
TO FIVE AIRCRAFT. RCAA ESTIMATES VALUE OF SALE AT \$68-\$70
MILLION INCLUDING SPARES. ADDITIONALLY, THE AIRLINE REPORTEDLY
PLACED OPTIONS ON THREE A-300B2'S, BUILDING OPTIONS TO FOUR AIR-
CRAFT. THE TWO NEW AIRCRAFT WILL EXPAND IA'S A-300B2 SCHEDULED
SERVICES TO NEW DESTINATIONS TRIVANDRUM, SRIGNAR, GAUHATI, AND
HYDERABAD AND INCREASE SCHEDULED FREQUENCIES ON EXISTING A-300B2
ROUTES. GARDNER

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